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History of COMMODORE and GREEN TOWNSHIP *Indiana County, Pa.*



*Dedicated to the men and women who served their
country; to those who made the supreme sacrifice, and
to the forefathers of Commodore and Green Township.*



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Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation

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Commodore, the Town the New York Central Built

Two-Year-Old Coal Center of Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation is Growing Apace — Some Facts About This Big Fuel Company



The Tipple at Commodore, Pa. It is equipped with all modern time-saving devices.

By H. B. DOUGLAS

COMPARATIVELY few employees of the New York Central Lines are familiar with the extensive coal holdings and activities of the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation; and doubtless fewer still realize the great economic value of this sturdy subsidiary to the parent railroad company. The New York Central is indeed fortunate, not only in the possession of so vast a field of high-grade coal, but also in the fact that the greater portion of it is located on its own line of railroad.

Mines Opened in 1860

The Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation had its inception in the old McIntyre Coal Co., operating at McIntyre in the northeast corner of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. C. J. Langdon of Elmira, New York, was president of this company and George H. Platt, superintendent. The mines were opened in the '60; the tattered map bearing the date 1873. We know little of this company. Tradition informs us, however, that the coal was three feet in thickness, of good quality, and found a ready market in New York and Canada. Today you will seek in vain for the village of McIntyre. An ancient cemetery is all that remains; for it was one of those ephemeral towns that follow the pick and disappear with the coal.

The McIntyre Coal Company's property was nearing exhaustion in the early '80s, and President Langdon cast about for additional acreage. Associated with him in this new enterprise were such men as W. K. Vanderbilt and Cornelius Vanderbilt of New York; Joseph

M. Gazzam and John G. Reading of Philadelphia; General George J. Magee of Watkins, New York; S. R. Peale of Lock Haven, Pa., and William A. Wallace of Clearfield, Pa., all of whom appear as directors in the new company formed. This company was known as the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Company, and received its Charter and

Creek, Peale was considered in its day, and undoubtedly was, a model mining town.

The western terminus of the Beech Creek, Clearfield, and South Western Railroad was, at this time, at Snow Shoe, Pa., some ten miles away; so that in the beginning all material had to be hauled in by team from that point. It was not until 1884 that the railroad was extended to Viaduct, two miles west of Peale and rail shipments began. In 1885 the Clearfield Company purchased 11,720 acres of coal in Jordan, Ferguson, Knox and Greenwood townships, Clearfield County. In the year following, the coal was opened and the town of Gazzam established.

Pioneers Worked Well

The development of a large coal property, viewed from any angle, is a mighty serious affair. In no other field of endeavor are initial mistakes so costly, and so hard to correct; and so it is most refreshing to record here that the pioneers of the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation did their work faithfully and well.

There was one stockholder of record, however, who, it is safe to assume, did not take the mining game seriously. He was none other than Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), a brother-in-law of President Langdon, and owned all of six shares. "Old Timers"—a few of them are still with this Corporation,—delight to tell of a week this great man spent at Peale; and of how he put in his days prone upon the office floor, his back against an overturned chair, smoking and reading. It is easy to visualize the



Commodore Stark, the first baby born in Commodore, Pa.

Letters Patent December 27, 1882.

In 1882 the company acquired 22,450 acres of land in Rush and Snowshoe townships, Centre County, and Cooper Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. In 1883 the coal was opened and the village of Peale, named for S. R. Peale, laid out. Located in a wooded section of great natural beauty, at the confluence of Moravian Run, a small trout stream, and Moshannon



A general view of the town of Commodore, Pa., the town that supplies much of the coal for the New York Central.

gentle humorist in his favorite reading posture; and one can readily believe that his active mind enjoyed to the full whatever of human interest went on about him, and stored it away for future "copy."

But all this is ancient history. Gazzam has disappeared; the picturesque village of Peale is but a memory; and the trout leap no more in the contaminated waters of Moravian Run. The men who inspired and engineered the project have long since passed on, and their passing indeed marks the end of an era. Machinery, in its application to the mining industry was coming into its own, and in its progress gradually crowding out the old skilled pick miner. And with these latter departed whatever romance there was in the mining of bituminous coal.

In 1886 the Clearfield Company was taken over by a new organization chartered under the name "Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation." In the year 1889 the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Co. leased the Beech Creek, Clearfield and South Western Railroad and operated with the title "Beech Creek Railroad, N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Co., Lessee." In 1899 the Central took over the Fall Brook Railroad and the Beech Creek Railroad and consolidated them into the "Pennsylvania Division." It is of special interest to note that President F. E. Herri-man of the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation, was an official of the old Beech Creek Railroad, and that he was appointed, at this time, Division Coal Agent of the Pennsylvania Division, with headquarters in New York. He was subsequently made Coal Traffic Manager of the New York Central and resigned this position in 1917 to become an attaché of the office of President A. H. Smith, his task being the co-ordination of the railroad's coal properties.

Prior to 1898 the Clearfield Cor-

poration, in connection with the mining and selling of coal from its own mines, was actively engaged in the commercial coal business as well as the manufacture and sale of coke. About 1898 it ceased its commercial activities, and became what it is today, strictly a railroad fuel proposition. Aside from a small portion of the tonnage consumed in the Corporation's power plants, and sold locally to employes for domestic use, the entire output goes to the New York Central Railroad for supply.

Large Area Acquired

The New York Central executives early saw the advantages to be derived from coal land ownership, and wisely encouraged in their subsidiary a rapid and healthy expansion. From 1902 to 1916 the Clearfield Corporation had acquired 127,123 additional acres in Cambria and Indiana Counties, bringing the total acreage up to 161,293. In acquiring so large an area it was found necessary to take over considerable acreage tributary to other roads; and also many comparatively small isolated tracts of no operating value to the corporation, but of considerable importance in making exchanges for the purpose of straightening boundary lines and enhancing property value.

It is the policy of the Corporation to sell or lease such territory as it cannot economically exploit and in this way derive a revenue to pay in part the carrying charges on the entire property. This policy has resulted in the sale of approximately 11,000 acres, and a lease of 49,380 acres, leaving about 100,000 acres to be developed, sold or leased as conditions warrant.

The coals of Central Pennsylvania occur in what is geologically known as the Allegheny or Lower Productive measures. Resting on the Homewood sandstone, a massive conglomerate, as a base, and capped by the Mahoning sandstone this formation, averaging about 300

feet in thickness, carries seven seams of coal. Enumerating from the bottom they are: Brookville or Bed A; Clarion or Bed A prime; Lower Kittanning or Bed B; Middle Kittanning or Bed C; Upper Kittanning or Bed C prime; Lower Freeport or Bed D; and Upper Freeport or Bed E. They are all classed as semi-bituminous coals in this region, and, as a rule, are of excellent quality. It is rare, however, to find more than two seams in any given area of sufficient thickness to present an economic mining proposition under present day market conditions.

The Clearfield Corporation is developing and mining five fields viz., Cooper in Clearfield County; West Branch in Cambria County; and Rossiter, Clymer, and Purchase Line, in Indiana County, Pa. Cooper Colliery is producing Lower Kittanning coal; the four mines at Rossiter and the two mines at Commodore in the Purchase Line field are operating on the Upper Freeport seam; while Barr Slope and Sample Run Collieries in the Clymer field and the West Branch operation are mining the Lower Freeport. These coals all possess high fuel values. The Cooper coal is especially notable, not only as a strong steamer, but as a fuel so low in volatile matter as to be practically smokeless. It is in great demand for use in yards and stationary plants located in cities.

These mines are all located on the Pennsylvania Division, New York Central Railroad; produce annually a million and a half net tons; and have a developed capacity of approximately two million tons. The fields are being developed along scientific lines, and the mines worked in accord with the best mining practice, having always in mind conservation and economy. Electric power, supplied by central plants located at Rossiter and Clymer, is used throughout for hauling, mining, pumping, ventilating and lighting. These two plants, in the interest



This and the picture on the opposite page show the beautiful rolling region in Pennsylvania in which Commodore lies.

of economy, are now being consolidated and within the near future the power requirements of the Corporation will be supplied from its modernly equipped and efficient Clymer Plant. The mines are in first class physical condition and splendidly equipped.

Two outstanding factors make the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation of paramount value as a railroad subsidiary. The first has to do with the constant care and attention given to preparation resulting in a high grade locomotive fuel; and the second relates to the Corporation's wonderful reserves. In each of the five fields above mentioned only the seam, which in that particular locality is above water level, is being worked. The mines are developed by drifts, or by slopes of such light grades as to permit motor haulage. The seams below water level will be developed in due course by shaft or slope.

In the Cooper and Rossiter fields the underlying seams are not attractive; but splendid bodies of Lower Kittanning coal await development in the West Branch, Clymer and Purchase Line fields. The available coal remaining in these fields alone, including all workable seams, amounts to 32,000 acres, which, on a conservative estimate should yield 138,000,000 net tons. In addition to the above the Corporation owns four other fields, which, while not now located on the New York Central Railroad, may be reached by extensions, and should yield 84,000,000 net tons. Thus it will be seen that the reserves of the Corporation, based on the present output of 1,500,000 net tons annually, have a life of considerably more than one hundred years. And this, it must be understood, applies only to the workable seams of the present. The thin seams underlying the property have a potential value which will prove attractive only to posterity.

The Corporation has always been keenly interested in the physical,

mental and spiritual welfare of its employees. Thoughtful and careful consideration is at all times given to housing and sanitation problems; generous aid furnished schools and churches; and recreational facilities provided. All this is not merely altruism; it is predicated on sound economics. Given a town attractively laid out; furnished with comfortable houses; provided with educational, religious and recreational facilities, and you are sure to find contented dwellers therein. And contentment is the very essence of a successful mining operation. Commodore, the newest of the Corporation's group of towns, is a case in point.

A Model Coal Town

Commodore is located on Two Lick Creek, in Pleasant Valley, Green Township, Indiana Co., Pa., and near the old abandoned town of Lovejoy. The name itself is suggestive of Commodore Vanderbilt, founder of the New York Central Railroad, and leading figure in the history of American transportation. Admirably planned, on gently sloping ground, electrically lighted, with comfortable and substantial houses, it is indeed a model in its way and attracts wide and favorable attention.

Although only two years old it boasts a bank, a public garage and a high school building; while a community house, plans for which have been prepared, is contemplated in the near future. Pure water has been impounded and brought to the houses; and an effective sewerage system installed. The mining equipment is up-to-date from the machine shop to the steel tippie which has a capacity of 1500 tons per day. And when it is added that the coal at this point is of good average thickness we present a combination hard to beat, and the management is placed in that fortunate position of being able to pick and choose and to fill the houses with high-grade mine labor, which, at its best, is none too plen-

tiful. At present the mines are producing over 1,100 tons per day, and the output will be increased as rapidly as careful, conservative mining permits. As a matter of interest it may be stated in passing that Commodore's first-born arrived May 28, 1920. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Stark, named the boy "Commodore," and the Corporation, in recognition of an event so significant, presented to the infant citizen a handsome silver cup, suitably engraved.

The prodigality of the American race with respect to the country's natural resources has become proverbial. The tendency to live snugly in the present; to follow the line of least resistance; to tell posterity to go hang has been characteristic of the race since the beginning. And now at last awake, comes a mad scramble for padlocks, only to find in many instances the door agape, the stable empty. Happily in the coal industry, at least as concerns the mining of the product, it is not too late, and conservation has become the order of the day. Timber, however, to employ a popular idiom, is something else again. It has gone the way of the bison and the wild pigeon—and yet while it is too late to protect the old nag, we still have the blessed privilege of buying a colt, locking it securely in the paddock, and helping it to sturdy maturity. And this is just what the Corporation is attempting with its recently established Forestry Department.

The Corporation owns approximately 25,000 acres of surface. A small part of this is cleared land of indifferent farm value. The balance is generally covered with some kind of forest growth, which, under proper care and attention, will in time prove of inestimable value, not only in the manufacture of lumber, but as offering a solution to the mine timber problem, which is yearly becoming more difficult.

The largest single tract of surface consists of 13,000 acres, in



Vanderbilt Avenue a typical thoroughfare in Commodore. Note the concrete block houses.

Clearfield and Centre Counties, and is a part of the old Peale purchase. It is almost entirely covered with forest growth. Some 40 years ago it was cut over, but a considerable amount of virgin timber was left standing in places more or less remote and inaccessible.

The second growth has been periodically damaged and retarded by destructive fires, and it was quite right that this promising field should receive first aid and attention. Fire lanes have been cut, an observation tower built, and a camp established near Peale station. The New York Central Railroad, whose line traverses the entire tract, and the Central Pennsylvania Forest Fire Protective Association are actively co-operating in this work.

The next largest single block of surface is located in Cambria County and contains 4600 acres. It is covered with some virgin, and considerable second growth, timber. The Gazzam surface in Clearfield County, comprising about 1700 acres, and covered with sporadic stands of second growth, offers in the way of soil and topography the most attractive field for under planting. The balance of the surface consists of smaller parcels in Indiana County, which are covered one-third to one-half by second growth timber, and some scattered virgin hard wood.

In 1920 seedlings to the amount of sixty thousand were planted on the Sample Run watershed, and during 1921 eighty thousand were set out in the Gazzam field. It is planned to plant 230,000 seedlings during 1922. A saw mill installed on Moshannon Creek in the Peale

and the patient toil necessary to make the project a success.

In the early days, and until quite recently, the general office of the Corporation was located at Clearfield, Pa. With the purchase of lands in Cambria and Indiana Counties, followed by rapid develop-

ment, it became more apparent each year that Clearfield was too remote from the center of production. In 1919 the mines located in Indiana County were producing 71 per cent of the entire output, and it was finally decided, in the interest of economy and efficiency, to move general headquarters to that county. During the year a suitable office building was erected in the town of Indiana, and early in 1920 the change was made.



Mildred A. (Brown) Gromley
First Baby Girl born in Commodore

field, has so far manufactured 1,500,000 feet of lumber for use in construction work at Commodore and other collieries.

The Department has barely made a beginning, but under the able supervision of Forester Tonkin, the future looks most promising. His plan contemplates the fostering and protection of natural growth; under planting thin forests; replanting barren areas; and a system of blocking and cutting by rotation. It is a tremendous undertaking, but well worth all the cost, the care,

The officers of the Corporation are: F. E. Herriman, President; John S. Fisher, Vice-President; A. J. Musser, General Manager, and H. J. Hinterleitner, General Superintendent. Around these officials is built up an organization such as is rarely found in any industry. Dominated by an esprit de corps so essential to success; and inspired by loyalty and zeal, this wonderfully compact group carries on with splendid efficiency, having ever in mind the interests of that corporate body which they have the privilege and honor to serve.

INDIANA, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1921.

COMMODORE BUSIEST TOWN IN THE COUNTY

Correspondent Writes
Interesting Communica-
tion Relative to Growth
of C. B. C. Holding in
Green Township.

DEVELOPMENTS

Commodore, the new Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation town, located in the center of Green township, Indiana county, is gradually coming into its own and making a place on the map worthy of mention. The new coal tippie is one of the best and most up-to-date in the county and worked perfectly on its try-out. The new coal openings, power house tracking, electric installation, cars and all equipment is the best the market can produce.

Commodore has forty-five families more than 60 per cent American, while the foreign-speaking families are good, Americanized citizens. Houses are being built daily with eager demand for them before they are ready for occupation. A new, eighty-foot garage is nearing completion. There is a planing mill, a good store, four American and five foreign boarding houses, a post office and a railroad station with New York Central and Pennsylvania trains.

The new bank is under roof and is being rushed to completion. The People's Bank of Commodore is a bank owned and controlled by the citizens of the town and surrounding neighborhood. The town is surrounded by fine farms and worthy farmers who are up and doing. Today there is not a more thrifty township in the county.

The new town is in old "Pleasant Valley". The land is fertile and fine for all sorts of farm purposes, besides the upper land is very good for fruit-growing as well as grain. One fine bush bearing six hundred bushels of apples, besides other fruit, will give you an idea of the land's productivity.

The town is showing a splendid beginning, for the worthy farmers and their wives send butter, eggs, meats and all sorts of provisions to the residents and best of all the prices are right. Just for example, good,

juicy round steak at 20 cents per pound!

Co-operation is the keynote of this enterprising town. A community like that needed a bank. So they got busy, organized it, financed it, built the building, and now it is about ready to function. Two years ago the district school was too large. Now there are three rooms for school, and the directors are using the first story of two company houses for grades one and two. The schools had a nice Christmas tree for the pupils, their teachers giving a treat. Old St. Nicholas arrived astride a large, polar bear to take in the exercises. He led the kiddies down to the center of the town and then distributed apples and candies. He then called from house to house placing toys under the trees and helped the little ones, leaving something at every home. The children sang Christmas songs on the streets and had the time of their lives.

In the near future Commodore will be known to everyone. The daily question—"Where is Commodore?"—will go into oblivion, and Commodore will be on the map, a real up-to-date coal town in a fine neighborhood.

COMMODORE, IN INDIANA COUNTY, CITED AS MODEL OF MINING COMMUNITY

Unique New Town Is Be-
ing Built by Bitumin-
ous Corporation

SPLENDID HOMES AT \$14 PER MONTH

In the new "model town" of Commodore, Indiana county, miners will be able to get very convenient, sanitary homes for \$14 per month. This statement was made to a Democrat reporter by Sherman A. Ferrell, head of the W. O. W. organization in this region. Mr. Ferrell, during his recent trips to Starford and Clymer, had occasion to visit Commodore, and his description of what he found there is most interesting.

The Clearfield Bituminous corporation, a steadily-growing concern and controlled largely by New York Central capital, is building the new town, which is located on the New York Central branch running through that section of Indiana county. The name Commodore is suggestive of the famous Commodore Vanderbilt, founder of the New York family bearing his name, pioneer in the ferry boat business of New York harbor and tuncouer of the New York Central itself.

Commodore is laid out mathematically. The streets represent provision for drainage and sewers. Amusement and recreation facilities will be ample for the demand. The houses being built by the company contain five rooms each. They are built of either brick or cement blocks and represent latest sanitary ideas. They have electric lights, toilets and other conveniences, and, Mr. Ferrell states, will rent for only \$14 per month. "The kind of houses being built," Mr. Ferrell continued, "and the general style of the town indicate to me that the company will take considerable pains to get the most desirable men to locate there. This will benefit in two ways. First, it will give them a class of miners showing high productive efficiency as workers. Next, as tenants, these men are more likely to be careful and thrifty. The whole thing at Commodore looks very good to me, I must say."

COMMODORE IN BOOM PERIOD

The new town of Commodore, where the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation has opened up mines, is booming and it is planned to make it one of the largest operations in the county. The town is located in Green township, on the site of Pleasant Valley, near Love Joy. It now has about one hundred houses and plans are being made for the erection of at least four hundred more. All the structures will be of concrete and of the best class. Among the improvements on the program is a large public school, a high school and a community hall. A national bank has already been organized and a banking building is now in course of erection. Other improvements are on the list and announcement of them will be awaited with interest.



Pleasant Valley — 1860



Pleasant Valley School

Know all Men by these Presents:

That I, Samuel L. Clemens of Hartford, Conn.,
one of the stockholders of the CLEARFIELD BITUMINOUS COAL CORPORATION,
do hereby constitute and appoint WILLIAM D. KELLY, of Elmira, New York, and S. RICHARD
PEARLE, of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, or either of them, attorney and proxy for me and in my
name, place and stead to vote for, and give my assent to, the issuance of bonds by said
corporation to the amount of one million six hundred and fifty thousand dollars, (\$1,650,000,)
to be secured by a first mortgage upon the property and franchises of the corporation; such
vote to be given at the meeting of stockholders of said corporation to be held the fifteenth
day of December, A. D. 1886, according to the number of votes I should be entitled to cast if
there personally present; and also to vote for me and in my name upon such other matters
as may properly be brought before said stockholders' meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty-sixth
day of November A. D. 1886.

WITNESS:

William D. Clemens S. L. Clemens [SEAL.]

Copy of the stock purchased by Samuel Clemens — 1886
A Stockholder of the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation
Samuel Clemens is better known as "Mark Twain"



Dedication of Scroll



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Demichil, Peter
Dunlop, Lawrence
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Gudinas, Joseph
Gudinas, Thomas
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Gunn, Michael
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 Lockard, George
 Lockard, Morgan
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 Lowby, Joseph
 Looby, Edward
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 McCall, William
 McDermott, Tracy
 McCreary, Guy
 McCreary, Michael
 Noma, Sylvester (*)
 Nysak, Albert
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 Noyes, John
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 Popik, William
 Popik, Joseph
 Priach, Robert
 Russell, Frank
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 Rivch, Joseph
 Roth, George
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Shaw, Hugh
Shultz, Theodore
Shaw, Paul
Shank, Herbert
Tometchko, Edward
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Framis, Jacob, Jr.
Framis, Kenneth
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Goodlin, Alfred
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Hadden, William
Hamerick, John
Hawitt, Wilbur
Hedgson, Charles E.
Hodgson, living

McLennan, Tom
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Miller, Tony
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Palacio, Edward
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Petra, William, Louis
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Roel, Walter, Jr.
Roop, William
Sapp, John
Sapp, Paul
Schmidt, Kenneth
Shank, Berdine
Smith, Frank
Smiley, Joseph
Stiffler, Alvin
Stiffler, John
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Stiffler, Norman
Tulloch, George
Tulloch, John, John
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Waring, Albert

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Anderson, Rudolph
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Bella, John
Blomruehy, John
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Binterbaugh, Robert
Cairns, Pete
Chambers, Carl
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Croyle, Max, Jr.
Croyle, Raymond
Daniels, Harold (*)
Daniels, John
Dunlop, Lynn
Fayth, Mike
Egan, Robert

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Horvath, John
Hovance, George
Hovance, Wash
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Hughes, Roger M. D
Keller, Arnold
Kline, George
Kodman, Frank
Kodman, Joseph
Kodman, Paul
Lang, Roy
Lewis, Leonard
Lukhart, Clarence
Mathis, Frederick
McEwen, Bert
McEwen, Ed

Roof, Walter, Jr.
Sapp, William
Sapp, John
Sapp, Paul
Secheri, Thomas
Shank, Raymond
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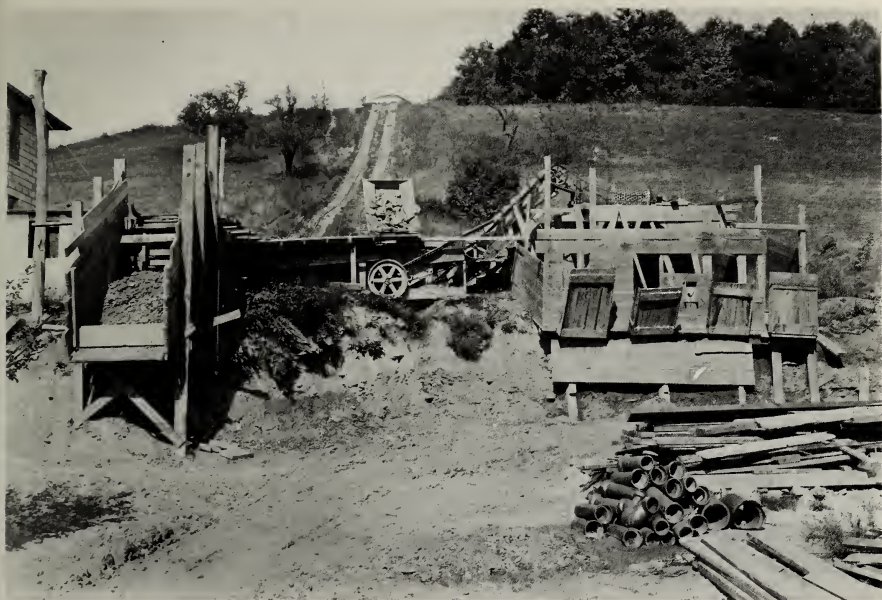




Commodore Tipple — 1921
In background - Commodore's first Post Office & Old Store (Sweitzer's)



Making cement blocks to build houses — 1921



Stone Quarry



Making Blocks



Blocks Completed



Blocks Completed



House Under Construction



Fisher Street



Harriman Street



Vanderbilt Street



Company Store — 1921



Commodore Bank
Went into operation March 4, 1921



Commodore High School — Built in 1921



Building Reservoir — 1920



Wash House - Commodore - July, 1923

Wash House — Commodore, July 1923



Commodore Garage — 1920



Dr. Hughes Family
 Came to Commodore in 1924
 Dr. Hughes died in 1943 — Mrs. Hughes still resides in Commodore
 Son, Roger, is a Doctor in Clearfield, Pa.



C.B.C. Third Annual 100% First Aid & Training - Commodore Mine
 June 15, 1932



Motor Barn - Blacksmith Shop
Commodore Mine



Commodore First Aid Team — 1939



Commodore Ladies Aid — 1942



Commodore — 1932



First Float — Cookport Fair 1914



Float at Cookport Fair - 1914



Cookport Fair - 1914



Cookport Fair - 1914



1970



Commodore



Green Township Community Center - 1976



Commodore - 1976



Commodore - 1976



Commodore Church - 1924 to 1976



Commodore Playground — 1976



Magas Welding Shop - Site of Old Motor Barn & Warehouse



Commodore Post Office — 1934 to 1975



Commodore Post Office — 1976



Reservoir — 1976



Fire Hall — 1976



Douglas Street — 1976



Commodore School — 1976



Dr. Office



Hinterleiter Street — 1976



Commodore Mines — 1920



Site of the Commodore Tipple to be Baseball Field



Commodore School — Approximately 1922



John Bash's Birthday Party — 1928



Church Class — 1924



Frank Family — 1912
On Railroad right-of-way — moved to Pleasant Valley
Present home of George Howorth & Family



Commodore First Aid Team — 1939



Tipple Crew — 1940



Tipple Crew — 1935



Commodore Country Store — 1910
Bill Switzer, Owner



Commodore Country Store — 1915
Bill Switzer, Owner



High School Class — Commodore



The Steve Howorth Family



Elma Howorth



Jakie Bash — 1934





Joe Yefchak & Wife
First Wedding Reception held in Community Building



Commodore Strip Job



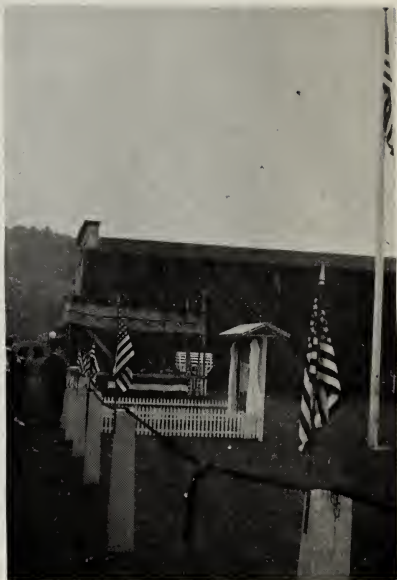
Commodore Baseball Team — 1976



Dedication of Commodore Scroll



Commodore Scroll — 1976



Dedication of first Scroll



Scout Troop — 1963



Scene at a working face in one of the mines. Electrically driven chain cutting machines and loy loaders cut the coal, and a scraper loader deposits it into mine cars.



Remember the "Good Old Days" ?

Dwight Donald Patterson



Dwight Donald Patterson was born January 21, 1886, near Grisemore, Green Township. His early education was obtained in the Grisemore School and in summer sessions at the Pine Flats Summer School. He secured his higher education from Juniata Academy, Juniata College, Pennsylvania State College (A.B. '25) and University of Pittsburgh (M.A. '31).

After serving as a teacher in Pine Township, in Cambria County, and in Green Township, and as principal of the Cherry Tree and Clymer Schools, Mr. Patterson became supervising principal of the Green Township Schools. Possibly he is best known for his work as principal of Green Township High School. He was actively interested in the organization of the high school and has been largely responsible for its steady growth and betterment. Beginning with only one room and 13 pupils in 1917, the school has grown under his guidance until it is now made up of 10 rooms, 355 students, and 12 teachers.

Words are inadequate to express the gratitude of those citizens who appreciate the loyalty and service that has been rendered the community. We can only say that we are glad to know that the worth of our principal has been recognized, and that, in his new position as assistant county superintendent, he will serve the whole county as he has served our community.



Commodore School — 1923 - 24



Green Township High School — Class of 1931



CLASS '25

(Reading left to right)

Top Row—Mildred A. Williams, Clymer, R. R. #2, Pa., Teaching. Herbert Meekins, Johnstown, Pa. Vera M. Tyger, Commodore, R. R., Pa., Teaching. Jessie Buterbaugh, Starford, Pa. Maynard Lemmon, Cherry Tree, R. R., Pa. Marie Graham. Ida Pearl Fyock, Clymer, R. R. #1, Pa. Charles Percival Roberts, Clymer, R. R. #2, Pa., Teaching. Wilda Hughes (Mrs. Clair Cutter) Mahaffey, Pa.

Middle Row—Hannah G. Davidson, Lewistown, Pa. Ruth C. Russell, (Mrs. Blaine Palmer) Clymer, R. R. #2, Pa. (In Florida) John H. McCoy, Commodore, R. R., Pa., Attending I. S. N. S. Julia R. G. Gresko, Georgetown Univ. Hospital, Washington, D. C. Vivian M. Berg, Commodore, Pa. Goss Lutman, Starford, Pa. Margaret M. Marcinko, Indiana, Pa., Training in Indiana Hospital. Veda E. Wyke, Commodore, R. R., Pa. Mary N. Crissman, Commodore, Pa.

Bottom Row—Laurine Wilt, Commodore, R. R., Pa. Teaching. Gertha Roene Ferrier, (Mrs. Joseph Mumau) Commodore, R. R., Pa. James B. Cartwright, Commodore, R. R., Pa., Teaching. Theresa V. Kelly, Commodore, Pa., Clerking Clearfield Supply Store. Stanley B. Tate, Altoona, Pa., Now in the Navy. Ruth M. Keith, (Mrs. Glenn Gibson) Commodore, Pa. Geraldine Shank (Mrs. Clifford Mee) Barnesboro, Pa. Louise V. Nichol, Commodore, Pa. Teaching.



CLASS '26

(Reading from left to right.)

Top Row—Lenore Lorraine Knupp, (Mrs. Arthur Henry) Marion Center, Pa. Edith B. Russell, Commodore, R. R., Pa., Teaching. Thomas A. Nupp, Starford, Pa., Attending I. S. N. S. Mildred Hamilton, Commodore, Pa., Teaching. Marie Learn, Marion Center, R. R. #3, Pa., Teaching. Hillis Wilson, Commodore, Pa. Elizabeth Kelly, Commodore, Pa. Margaret Slovinsky, Starford, Pa. Joseph T. Gresko, Starford, Pa.

Middle Row—Elsie Mae Ginter, Commodore, Pa. Attending Indiana Bus. Col. Robert E. Fink, Commodore, Pa. Attending State College. Elaine K. Buterbaugh, Marion Center, R. R. #3, Pa. Teaching. John M. Giles, Starford, Pa. Iona Florence Thayer, Commodore, Pa. Teaching. Mabel Aleen Knupp, Marion Center, R. R. #3, Pa. Attending I. S. N. S. Ida McCreary, Starford, Pa. Clara M. Kidd, Marion Center, R. R. #3, Pa. Attending Juniata College.

Bottom Row—Irene Donahey, Indiana, Pa. Attending I. S. N. S. Olive M. Siverd, Commodore, R. R., Pa. Attending I. S. N. S. Beryl Lydic, Commodore, R. R., Pa. Attending I. S. N. S. Genevieve Houck, Clymer, R. R. #1, Pa. Elaine Knupp, Commodore, R. R., Pa. Attending I. S. N. S. Anna M. Hudak, 2925 Edge Hill Road, Cleveland, Ohio.



Commodore School — 1925



Commodore School — 1930

CLASS OF '27

Perhaps some of you remember that in September, 1923, forty-one green Freshmen filed into Room number five to begin their work as students of Green Township High School. At our first meeting we elected the following officers:

President	Rolland Berg
Vice president	Cora Thayer
Secretary	Elizabeth Morgan
Treasurer	Margaret Johns

Our teachers were, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Deardorff, Miss Clawson, Miss Johns, Miss Cox.

During our Sophomore year, we elected the following officers;

President	Margaret Johns
Vice-president	Mary Schidle
Secretary	Elizabeth Morgan
Treasurer	Geraldine Keith

Our only new teacher this year was Miss Fyock, who took the place of Miss Cox. During this year the Sophomores and the Seniors joined together in a reception.

Our Junior year was a very happy one, and those selected to lead the class were;

President	John Fink
Vice president	Violet Hagins
Secretary	Margaret Johns
Representative On the Student Council	Cortland V. Smith

Mr. Deardorff brought back a wife, who became a member of the faculty. Mr. Siverd also was added to the faculty. He was a former graduate, and, for this reason, we were especially glad to welcome him to the faculty. We held our Oratorical Contest this year. Cortland Smith was awarded first prize, Violet Hagins, second, and John Fink, third.

When we assembled again in 1926, we found that Miss Fyock and Miss Heller had taken the places of Mr. and Mrs. Deardorff. There were now nineteen on our class roll. John Fink was reelected President, Kathryn McAnulty, a new scholar, was chosen Vice-president, Elizabeth Morgan, for her good service, was reelected Secretary and Chester Barbor was elected Treasurer. Kathryn McAnulty and Chester Barbor represent us on the Student Council.

During our four years we have learned to love our High School, and hope to have many happy memories of it.

Class Colors, Old Rose and Grey

SENIORS

CHESTER BARBOR

"Chet"

Chet is small, and Chet is funny,
We all like him for his smile so sunny.



DOROTHY CRAWFORD

"Dot"

Always ready for some fun,
Always there when it's begun.



MARGARET EDWARDS

"Peggy"

Peggy is a merry lass,
The jolliest girl in all the c'ass.



PAUL FERRIER "Hiram" or "Ring"

A dillar, a dollar, a Purchase Line
Scholar,
What makes you come so soon?
You used to come at ten o'clock,
And now you come at noon.



JOHN FINK

"Jack"

Here's to our president, honest and true,
Success and happiness we wish to you.





SENIORS

GERALD HENRY

"Skinny"

Not very large, but still full of pep,
Be careful. Some pretty girl will get you yet.



MARGARET JOHNS

"Tommy"

Margaret is bright and jolly too,
And if you're looking for an athlete,
here's one for you.



EMMA KAPCOE

"Tillie"

They say that looks do not go with
brains,
But in this case we have a change.



MABLE PARRY

"Max"

Max is happy, Max is gay,
When you want a smile, just look her
way.



STEPHEN KEDMAN

"Steve"

Steve is tricky, bright and sly.

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SENIORS

GRACE LIPTAK

"Fritz"

Although very small and very neat,
We cannot say, "Her brain is in her
feet."



ELMA McADOO

"Toots"

Toots is bashful,
Toots is shy,
But if she's not successful,
We don't see why.



KATHRYN McANULTY

"Kate"

Kathryn came to us from Homer City,
and we hope she makes as big a "hit"
with others as she has with us.



WELDON McCOY

"Welligan"

"Don't enter a race unless you expect
to win". Weldon is our athlete, and we
wish him every success.

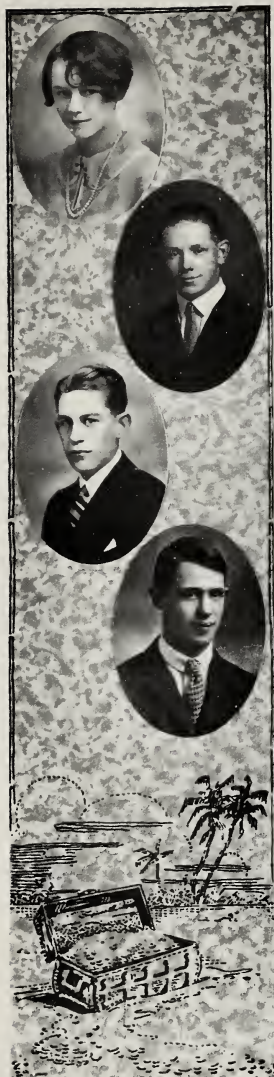


ELIZABETH MORGAN

"Betty"

"A smile for everyone and everything."





S E N I O R S

MARGARET PLUTA "Stevie"

Margaret is a bright and studious lass, Always standing at the head of the class.



GRANT SIVERD "Frogie"

Grant is our music box. We only wish him as much success in other things as in music.



CORTLAND SMITH "Preach"

Cortland is an honor student, and we think that he deserves it, for he certainly knows how to work.



HAROLD KEATING "Vetinary"

Harold is our prize tenor. When anything is to be done, he is always ready to do it.

THE SHAWNEE



Alumni — 1922-23



Class of 1928 — Commodore High School



Graduation Class -- 1930



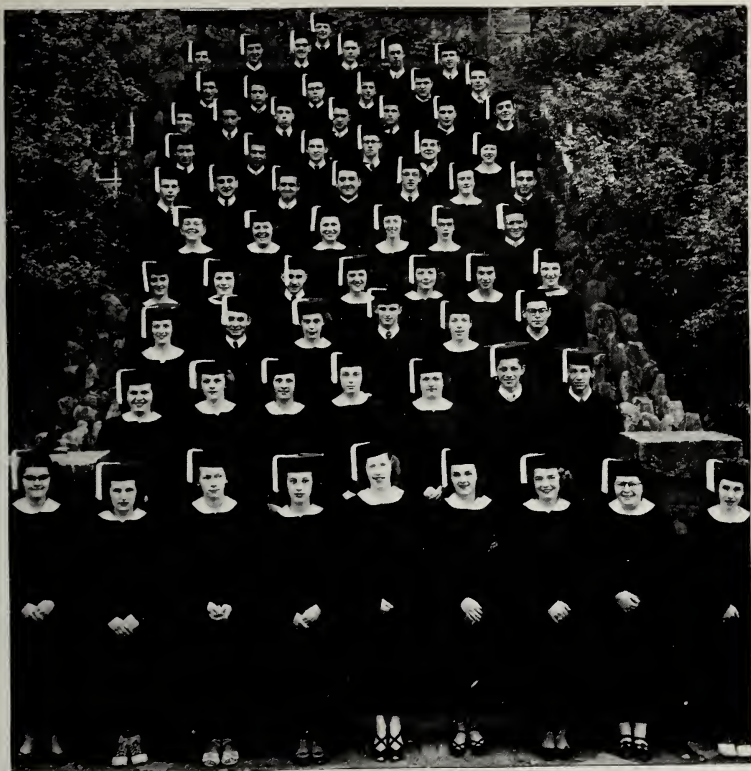
Class of 1940 - Commodore High School



Class of 1947 - Green Township High School



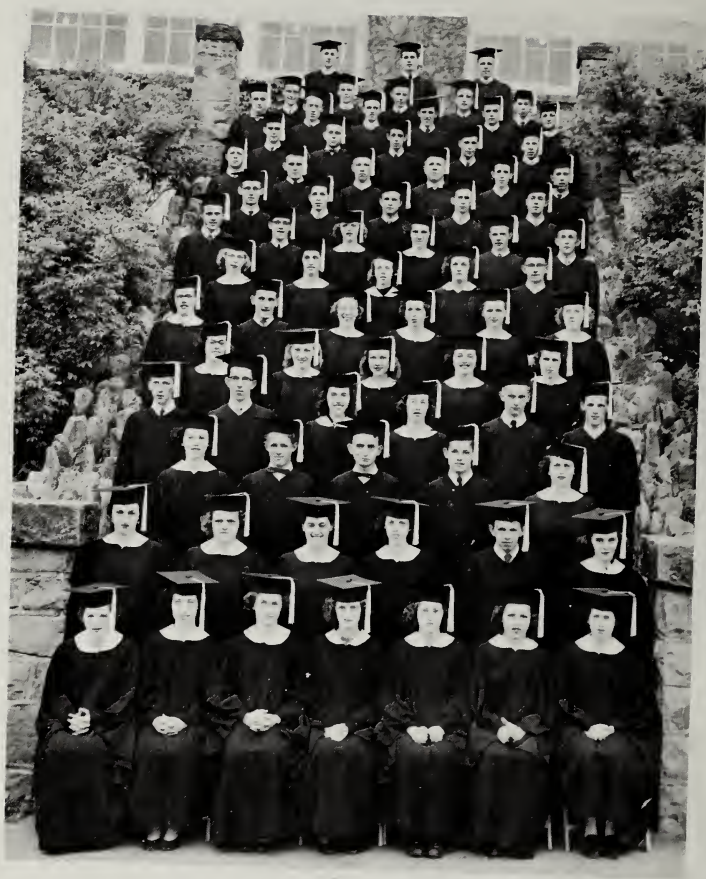
Graduating Class — Green Township High School



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Last Graduating Class of Green Township High School — 1955



1921 — Classes were held in houses



Students at the first High School in Commodore



Commodore High School — 1923



Class — 1925



Commodore School — 1920 - 21



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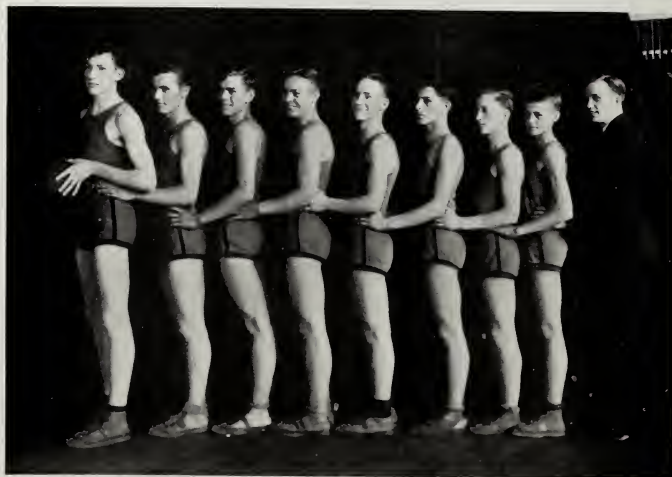
Commodore — 1925

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM 1936



Top Row: Lillian Dossi, Mildred Deitman, Helen Kapcoe, Magdalene Reshonsky, Louise Laing.
Bottom Row: Rosella Gregg, Mary Collins, Matilda Mudri, Josephine Keshe.

BASKETBALL SQUAD 1932-33



Roger Hughes, John Rodak, John Plusquellic, Andy Kapcoe, Ralph Tucker, Albert Kodman, William Fetterman, George Henry, George A. Stanford, coach.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM 1932



Hope Lemmon, Margaret Lambing, Victoria Kodman, Vivian Linder, Mollie Berringer, Pauline Mudri.



Air View of Commodore



Commodore Fire Trucks — 1976



Commodore Elementary School — 1976



Claycomb's Gas Station — 1976 — Burnheimer's Gas Station



Dedication of Commodore Scroll — 1975



Hinterleiter Street "COWTOWN" — 1976



Commodore Senior Citizens — 1976

Cookport



#9 Cookport School



#9 School - Now a Church



Students at Cookport School



Students at Cookport School



Joe Gromley Family



Cookport — 1976

Dixonville / Barr Slope



Dixonville School - 1915



Barr Slope Street Maintenance



"Back In The Good Old Days"



Teachers of Dixonville School - 1922-23



Dixonville School - 1915



Dixonville School — 1910 - 1911



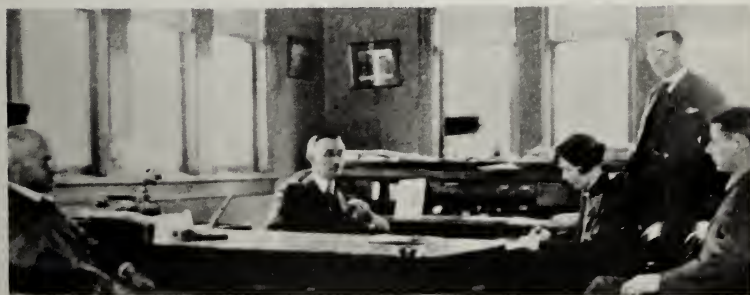
Dixonville School - 1910



Mine Cars



Street Scene



Mine Office at Indiana, Pa.



Dixonville School — 1913



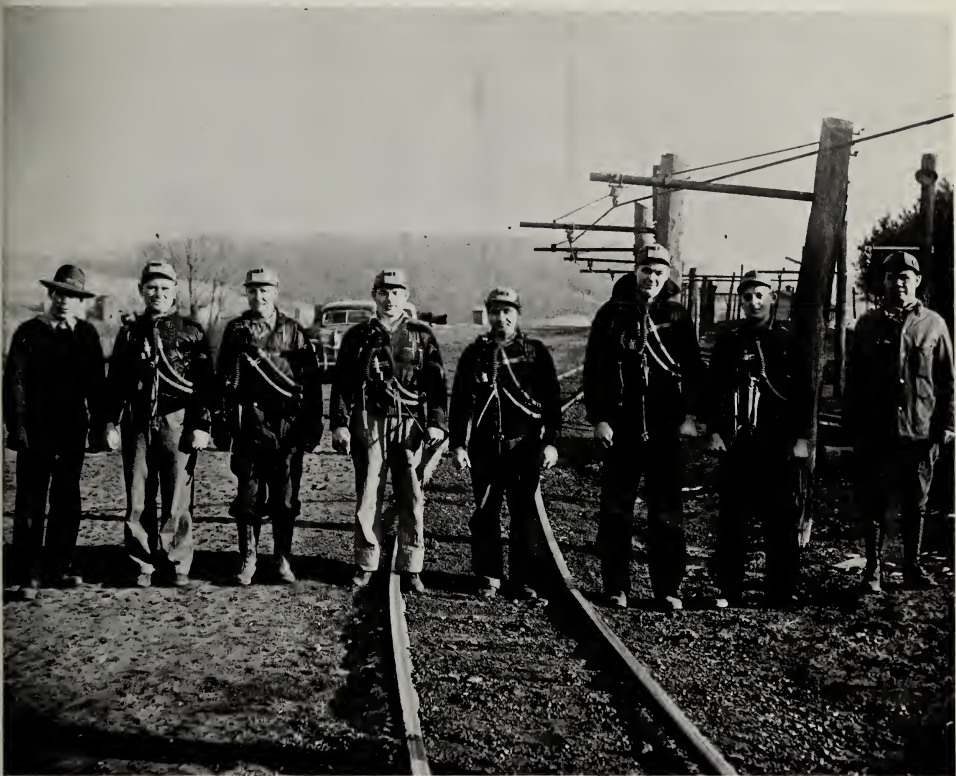
Dixonville School — 1917 - 1918



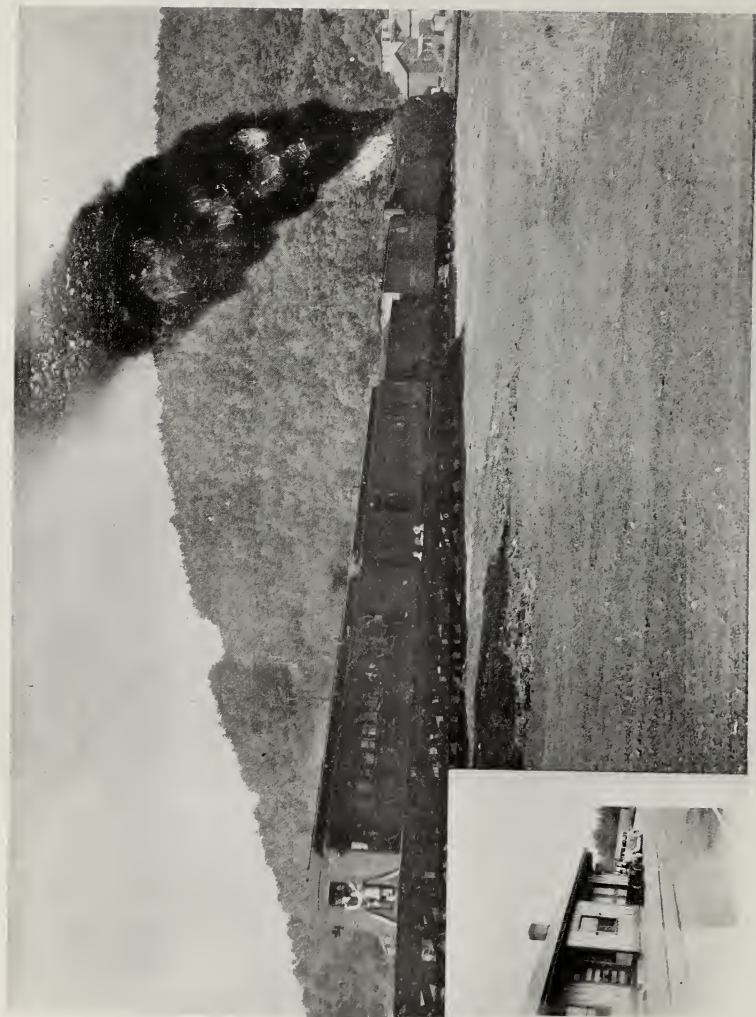
Dedication Ceremony



First Slovak Band of Dixonville — 1919



Barr Mine Team - 1944



Train from Dixonville to Clymer



St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church



Dr. Hughes in Clinic at Dixonville



This dwelling used to be the residence of
most of Physicians coming to Dixonville - now the
home of Steve & Ann Smilo



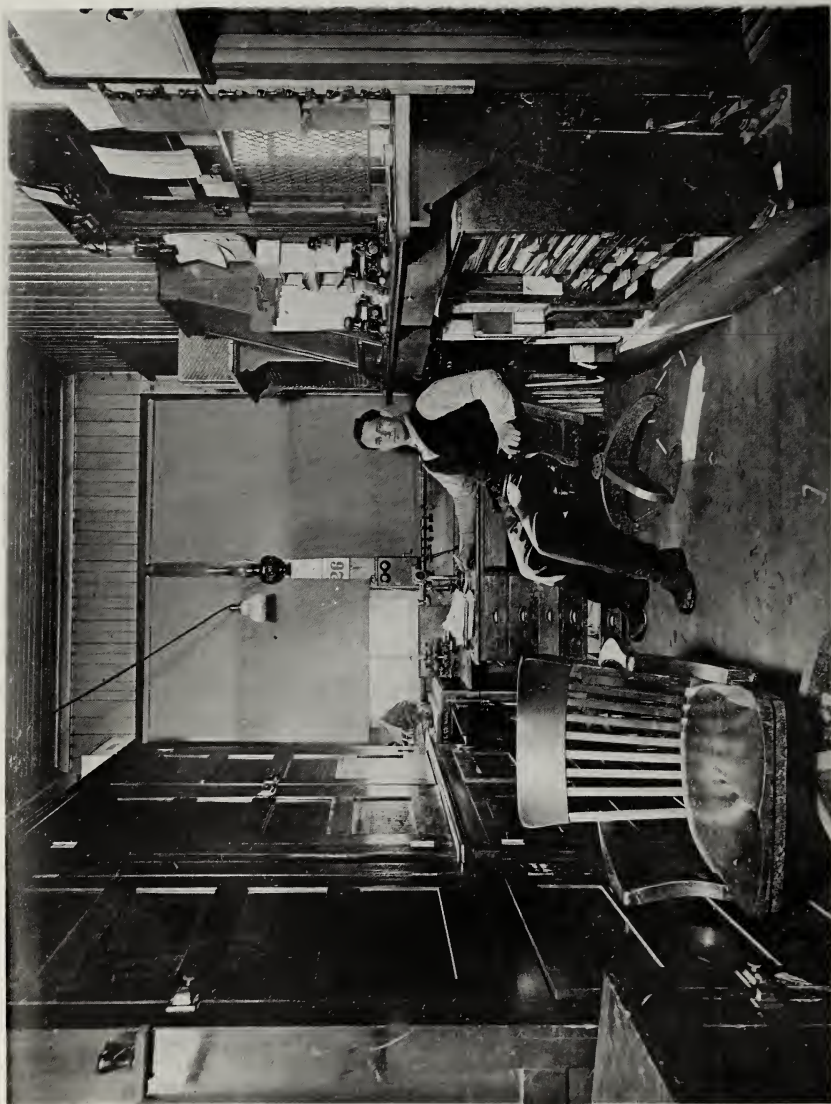
Dixonville School students - 1911 - 1912



Aerial View of Dixonville in its earlier days



Dixonville Railroad Station



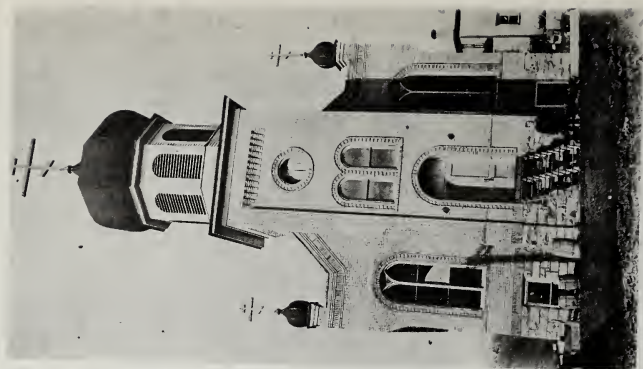
Mr. Bolvin, Station Agent at Dixonville



Dixonville - Penn Run Senior Citizens
With Patrick Stapleton & Bill Shane at the Capitol, Harrisburg, Pa.



Aerial View of Dixonville



St. Mary's Russian Orthodox Church

Learn Settlement



Paul Learn Farm



Paul Learn House - 1906



Learn Reunion - 1910



Gus Learn Reminiscences About His Old School
School in use from 1855 to 1952



Learn School



Learn School - Class of 1910



Lutheran Church Sunday School Class - 1913



Learn School - 1915 - 16



"Horse & Buggey Days"



Learn School - 1926

Pine Flats / Manver



Pine Flats School — 1912



Pine Flats School - 1917



Pine Flats Summer School — 1908



Flats School — 1900



C & I Railroad Bicentennial Train
Pine Flats - 1976



Pine Flats Scroll



Coal Cars at Manver



Trainmen at Manver



Trainmen at Manver



Caboose and Coal Cars at Manver



at Manver



Engine on Manver Railroads



at Manver



Manver Tower

Purchase Line



Boarding House - Purchase Line Academy



Purchase Line Academy - 1880



Purchase Line Academy — 1880



Purchase Line Academy — 1890



Purchase Line Academy — 1880



Last Reunion of the Purchase Line Academy - 1963 or 1965



Purchase Line High School



Purchase Line New Elementary School - 1976



Purchase Line High School Basketball Team — 1975-76



Purchase Line High School Football Team — 1976



Purchase Line High School Cheerleaders — 1976



Girls' Basketball Team - Purchase Line High School - 1976

1976 GRADUATES



Andrea Sue Anderson
Richard Glenn Baird
Jeffrey Alan Baker
Martha Bardsbough
Cindy Maude Beatty
Gary Thomas Bell
Nancy Elsem Bennett

Brenda Sharr Bliss
Ronald Gene Bliese
Joan Mary Bokins
Randy Lee Bowser
Gary Lynn Boyer
Robert William Broton
Kenneth James Bugby

Joseph Anthony Burba
Richard Buterbaugh, Jr.
Theresa Lucille Buterbaugh
Cynthia Jane Butler
Connie Ellen Caldwell
Harry Childs
Cheryl Lynn Clawson

Richard Merle Colmer
Edward Blair Decker
Inez Ann Dillelo
Kevin M. Gould Dudek
John Calvin Eiling
Brenda Lee Fetterman
Karen Lee Fisher

Gregory Fontanese
Joseph Kevin Frantz
Mark Alexander Fry
Lydia Clarice Fyock
Gregory John Gaydosch
Alice Ann Gearhart
Beth Jeannette George

Cheryl Gayle Greene
Diane Lynn Greene
Jeffrey Lee Greene
Terry Matthew Greene
Thomas Greene III
Bouale Sue Gregg
Brenda Jean Hall

Julie Ann Henry
Robert Leslie Howe
Brenda Lee Hudrick
Nancy Rust
Denise Lynn Johns
Gary Louis Johnson
Jerry Johnson

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Kathryn Johnson
Thomas R. Jund
Timothy Mac Jand
John Edward Keith Jr.
Robin Keith
Eva Larue Kollar
William Francis King

George Eldan Kibben
Andrew John Kohut
Karyl Thomas Lightner
Richard Longenecker
David Brian Lucas
Graham Mahaffey
Donald Gregory Mattie

John Franklin McCracken
Gerald Martin McCallough
Citra Louise McElwain
Joanne Lynn Mockley
Bernadette Kay Miller
Jacqueline Denise Miller
Rebecca Jean Miller

Vicky Louise Miller
Bonnie Jean Mounts
Barbara Irene Mroskey
Brenda Joan Nimmo
Jacqueline Nelson
Cora Louise Nulph
Monica Myrle Onley

Jessie Mae Parrish
Rodney Pastumme
Dobry Ruth Patterson
Thomas Patterson
Vera Jane Paddock
Mary Ann Pershing
Robert Alan Peterson

Catherine Phillips
Bonnie Kay Poole
Wayne Louie Powell
Paul Arnold Price
Robert Earl Prugh
Billie J. Pugh
Gloria Jean Putt

James Rasochock
Debra Jean Rowley
Donald Dean Rowley
Joan Marie Ruchton
Sybil Senanough
Jeffrey Alton Shaw
Norma Beth Shewley

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Wayne Shenaley
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Dae Snyder
Virginia Ann Spaid

Alyson Kay Spicher
Wayne Richard Stauffer
Diane Cecile Stewart
Doree Darlene Stockley
Norma Jean Sullinger
Barry Lee Sunderlin
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Joyce Turenchak
Kathy Beene Ulery
Elwood Varner
Dore Whitney
Cindy Kay Wolfe
Gary Del Woods

Cindy Lou Wright
Vickie Lee Wright
William Yachubowicz
Bellinda Sue Yaros

THE SHAWNEE



STARFORD BRICK SCHOOL BUILDING WHERE THE HIGH SCHOOL BEGAN



BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT ORGANIZED THE HIGH SCHOOL

(Reading left to right beginning above)

W. B. Douglas, Indiana, Pa. With Sutton-Miller Co. Jacob E. Bash, Commodore, R. R., Pa. Resides on his farm. J. B. Siverd, Commodore, R. R., Pa. (Now in Florida, at Tampa.) W. W. Nichol, Commodore, R. R., Pa. Retired from farm to Purchase Line. H. W. Longwell, Dixonville, Pa. In milling business. Richard Williams Clymer, R. R., Pa. Resides on his farm. W. H. Buterbaugh, Commodore, R. R., Pa. Resides on his farm.



Murray Knupp, Judge Creps (Indiana County Judge), Wm. Goss, Jr.
Dedication of Starford Scroll - 1942



Starford School



Starford School



Starford School — 5th & 6th Grade
Mrs. Bacon, Teacher



Last Graduating Class - 1921-22



Starford School



Starford School



High School Class - Starford



Streamline Limosine



Julia Lockard & Althea Dunlap



Mary McKinney & Julia Lockard





Motor Barn in Mines at Starford



8th Grade at Starford - 1919



7th Grade at Starford School — 1919



St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church - Starford



Starford Methodist Church



Aerial View of Starford



Nupp's Lumber Yard, Starford, Pa.



Senior Citizens of Starford — 1976



Seamontown — 1976

Taylorsville



Taylorsville School



Taylorsville Residents in the early days



East Union Church — Built in 1846



Taylorsville School House

Uniontown



Uniontown School



Living Waters Campground - Uniontown, Pa.

Wandin / Diamondville



Wandin Control Tower



Wandin Bridge is all broke down - 1976



Diamondville Baseball Team
 Won Penant in the Northern End of Indiana County - 1940



Diamondville Baseball Team
 Won Pennant in the Northern End of Indiana County - 1941

THE
HISTORY OF COMMODORE
1776 — 1976

was started by Elma and George Howorth and the following:

Ralph Roth
Rudy Anderson
Lisle Nichol
William Perry
Dorothy Nichol
Andy Hudzik
Murry Nupp
Leana Hughes
Charlie Wanchisn
Sara Cunningham
Andrea Anderson
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We wish to thank everyone who loaned pictures and provided
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Andrew P Anderson Jr

George Howorth

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